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Leaving the boatswain on sentry-go
at the
battery, the others went back to the
store-house,
Breakfast was eaten together ; how
happy a meal
it would have been if all the party had
been gathered
in the big hall at Rock Castle !

The next four days brought no change
in the
situation. Beyond keeping proper watch
over the
island, they did not know how to fill the
long hours.
How different everything would have
been if the
Unicorn had not been compelled to put in
to Cape
Town for repairs* They would all have
been settled
down at Rock Castle more than two
months ago 1
And now that Fritz and Jenny were
married, who
could say that another wedding would
not be
celebrated soon, the union of Ernest and
Hannah,,
which the corvette's chaplain might
have blessed'*
in the chapel of Rock Castle ? There
might have
been whispers of a third union—by and by
—when

Dolly should be eighteen.

Everyone fought bravely against
despondency,
As for John Block, he had lost none of
"his native
good humour. They took long walks
among the
plantations. They watched
Deliverance Bajr,

although no attack by the pirogues was
to be apprehended while the sun was in the
sky. Then, with night, all their anxiety returned,
anticipating an attack in force*

So while the women retired within the
of the store-house, the men made the rot